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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SCOTT ET AL.

Examiner

Thuy Pardo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-18 and 24-29 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-18 and 24-29 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/9/2001.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Response to Examiner's Election/Restriction filed on March 24, 2005 has been reviewed. Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 24-29 have been elected.
2. Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 24-29 are presented for examination.

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings submitted on September 24, 2001 are informal. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. In this case, the abstract exceeds 150 words. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (Hereinafter “Huang”) US Patent No. 5,953,707.

As to claim 1, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed, comprising:

means for processing [policy and target, 262 of fig. 24; 20 of fig. 7];

means for storing and retrieving project data[DSS database of fig. 7], the project data storing and retrieving means operably connected to the processing means [product info, fig. 38, 60, 61, 64], and the project data comprising, for each of the at least one projects, a project

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identifier to identify the project [APPHeaderID, Appendix A, col. 111-112; product ID, fig. 53, 56], a project part identifier to identify the part of the project [fig. 70], a project supplier identifier to identify the supplier of the project [SupplyOrderID, Appendix A, col. 111-112], a project customer identifier to identify to customer of the project [CustomerID, fig. 48, 56-58], data representative of the at least one methodology of the project [aggregate Production Plan, col. 113-114], and data representative of the at least one control of the project [D for day; W for week...etc, col. 113-114].

As to claim 13, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches a first database comprising data representative of at least one methodology applicable to the project [DSS frame decisions from systems integrator, fig. 37]; a second database comprising a project record for each of the at least one projects [production node, fig. 38; customer info product req, fig. 38; col. 92, lines 27 to col. 93, lines 61]; and means for controlling the progress of the at least one project, the controlling means operably connected to the first database and the second database, the controlling means using the indicated methodology(ies) of the project for such control [see supply chain network configurator, fig. 38; col. 92, lines 27 to col. 93, lines 61].

As to claim 2, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the project data storing and retrieving means comprises memory [inherent in the database system].

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As to claim 3, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches a storage device [col. 100, lines 20-23].

As to claim 4, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the user operating system is able to selectively retrieve project data stored on the project data storing and retrieving means [col. 97, lines 31 to col. 99, lines 37].

As to claim 5, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the connection between the processing means the user system comprises a network [fig. 38].

As to claim 6, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the network comprises a global computer network [Global performance, col. 2, lines 35-38; col. 94, lines 36-50].

As to claim 7, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the global computer network comprises the Internet [col. 101, lines 7-8].

As to claim 8, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the system is capable of management of at least one sub-project [col. 197-198].

As to claim 9, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the project part comprises a family of parts, and the project part identifier includes a descriptive field to distinguish among the family of parts [col. 197-198].

As to claim 11, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches monitoring the computerized system for entry of data by the supplier identified by the supplier identifier of the project record [col. 149-150]; evaluating the entered data for relevance to the at least one requirements applicable to the project, and, if not relevant returning to step (c) [col. 13, lines 45 to col. 14, lines 4]; and comparing the entered data to the at least one measurement criterion of the relevant at least one requirement, and, if the entered data does not satisfy the at least one measurement criterion, returning to step (c) [col. 12, lines 51 to col. 13, lines 7].

As to claim 12, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches that the entered data is compared to the document and the document is checked for completeness to satisfy the document complete indicator [col. 25, lines 35 to col. 26, lines 45].

As to claim 25, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Huang further teaches a reporting subsystem operable by processing means for reporting the evaluation of the project and subproject as determined by the evaluation subsystem [col. 34, lines 46 to col. 35, lines 3].

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As to claims 27-28, Huang teaches the invention substantially as claimed, with the exception that the evaluation subsystem measures the risk of the sub-project based on the risk factors. However, this feature is inherent in the system in order to evaluate the project.

As to claims 14-18, 26 and 29, all limitations of these claims are rejected in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at 571-272-4083.

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November 09, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Thuy N. Pardo', with a stylized, cursive script.

**THUY N. PARDO
PRIMARY EXAMINER**